

# 2003

## WISCONSIN Deer Hunting Regulations

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\*This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's important deer hunting laws and how they affect you; it is not a complete set of laws.



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## What's New for 2003?

Greetings! Another Wisconsin deer hunting season is upon us and again this year we are faced with the challenges associated with combating Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a disease that has the potential to affect the future of deer hunting throughout the state. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who assisted at collection sites across the state and those deer hunters who submitted deer heads for sampling last season. These efforts were part of the largest wildlife disease surveillance effort ever conducted in North America.

Volunteers, state and federal employees stood side-by-side and collected and sampled over 40,000 deer which were tested for CWD. Of the deer tested during the 2002-03 hunting season, 204 deer tested positive for CWD. Probably the most encouraging news however, is that it appears the disease may be confined to southern and southwestern parts of the state. Due to this sampling effort we are able to approach the 2003 deer hunting season with far less uncertainty than just a year ago. We now have a better handle on the health of our deer herd, and continue to feel as though we have a real shot at beating CWD. However, we have a long way to go and we still need your help to eliminate CWD.

Ongoing testing is required to make sure the disease is not being introduced in other parts of the state and to monitor efforts to eliminate CWD and prevent spread out of the current CWD eradication zone. In addition, we need to take steps to assure that what is happening in southern Wisconsin does not happen elsewhere. The Department has recommended aggressive actions to make sure that the risks associated with disease introduction, spread and transmission are eliminated. Unfortunately, these efforts have been delayed.

As secretary, I have asked my staff to provide me with the best science, so that I am able to make the best decisions for the deer resource. I have reviewed the science and believe that the only way we will be successful in beating this disease is to bring the population in the current eradication zone as close to zero as possible, to reduce the deer herd in the areas surrounding the eradication zone and to eliminate those factors which artificially concentrate deer.

At this time it appears that baiting will be allowed during the 2003-04 deer hunting season, therefore I would like to ask the hunters and outdoor enthusiasts of this state to make a conscious decision based on the best science and what is best for our deer herd, even if laws requiring such actions are not in place. I would like to ask each of you to please refrain from baiting and feeding deer. Last year we asked for volunteers to submit heads and collect samples. This year, I would ask you to help keep deer from artificially concentrating around feeding and baiting sites where disease could be transmitted from sick deer to healthy animals.

After what I witnessed our hunters and this agency achieve last year, I am confident that we will be successful in eliminating this disease if we work together and do what is best for our deer herd. There is simply too much at stake to not succeed. Thank you, and best of luck afield this hunting season.

Sincerely,



Scott Hassett  
Secretary, WDNR

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## License, Stamp and Privilege Information

License	Resident	Non-Resident
Conservation Patron	\$110	\$575
<b>Privileges Included:</b> Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, Fishing, Trapping (not included with Non-resident), State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, Most Permit Fees, DNR Magazine Subscription, Vehicle Admission to State Parks and Related Areas (Including State Trial Pass).		
Sports	\$43	\$240
<b>Privileges Included:</b> General Fishing, Small Game, Deer Firearm		
Deer Firearm	\$20	\$135
<b>Privileges Included:</b> Deer with Firearm		
Deer Hunter's Choice Application	\$3	\$3
<b>Privileges Included:</b> See Page 6 for an explanation and availability.		
Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit	\$12	\$20
<b>Privileges Included:</b> See Page 6 for an explanation and availability.		
Archery	\$20	\$135
<b>Privileges Included:</b> Small Game, Deer, and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a bow.		

All licenses available at DNR Service Centers (see back cover), authorized license agents (ALIS Terminal), over the phone at 1-877-WI LICENSE, or online at [http:// www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us)

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## Internet License Sales and Applications:

Now both resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications via the Internet. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us). Licenses that do not have a back tag, carcass tag, or harvest report card can even be printed at home (other licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 days). When submitting special permit applications, the customer will receive an immediate, printable confirmation that their application data was received. Visit the DNR website, or call (608) 266-2621 for more information.

## Licensing Requirements:

- Hunters must carry a valid hunting license on their person while engaged in hunting and exhibit it to a warden upon request.
- Persons born on or after January 1, 1973 must present their hunter education certificate, last year's license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. *Contact your local DNR office for hunter education courses.*
- A certificate for successful completion of a bow hunter education course can be used to purchase an archery license.
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license or tag, or for you to use or carry some other person's license or tag when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license vendor. (Available from any license sales agent)

## Adult Supervision Required:

A parent or guardian must accompany Hunters 12 and 13 years of ages. **Accompanied** means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid. Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm.

## Effective Dates:

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons except archery licenses.
- Archery licenses purchased after the open season for deer begins, are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for resident members of the U.S. armed forces who exhibit proof that they are on furlough or leave.
- Gun deer licenses must be purchased prior to the regular gun deer season, except a **resident** gun deer license may be purchased during the season by:
  - Residents who have completed a hunter safety course and turn 12 years old during the season.
  - Resident members of the U.S. armed forces stationed outside Wisconsin who exhibit proof that they are on furlough or leave.
  - Non-resident members of the U.S. armed forces who exhibit proof of active service with the armed forces **and** they are stationed in this state.
- All 2003 deer hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2004.

## Deer Permits:

### Hunter's Choice Permit

- Authorizes the taking of one deer of either sex except during the archery season where the permit authorizes the taking of an antlerless deer only, tagged with the gun deer carcass tag under the authority of an archery hunting license.
- Application deadline for 2004 is July 20, 2004.
- There are no Hunter Choice permits available for Zone T or CWD units.
- Required to gain hunting access to some State Park properties, see pages 16-17.

### Antlerless Bonus Permit

- Valid for the taking of one antlerless deer only in unit designated on the permit.
- \$12 for Residents, \$20 for Non-Residents.
- Number of permits available is based on the antlerless quota set for a specific unit.
- Available at all license sales locations.

## Resident Licenses:

### *To purchase a resident hunting license:*

- a person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes where the person votes, pays personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license.

### *Purchase of a resident deer, sports or small game license is allowed for:*

- full-time undergraduate students in residence at a public or private Wisconsin college or university offering a bachelor's degree, foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, and non-residents who exhibit proof they are in active service with the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Wisconsin.

## Resident Hunter Education Graduates:

### *First time resident Hunter Education Graduates are entitled to the following:*

- May harvest an antlerless deer with their regular gun deer license, in the deer season immediately following graduation, in the following designated areas: all deer management units state wide except the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, State Park units, Fort McCoy, Unit 48 (Menomonee Reservation), and all non-quota units. The antlerless deer must be tagged with the graduate's valid gun deer carcass tag, and the hunter must possess proof of hunter education graduation.
- Graduates turning 12 after the start of the gun deer season are eligible to purchase a deer hunting license during the season.

## Armed Forces Members:

### *Armed Forces Members are entitled to the following:*

- Anyone able to provide proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces (Reserves or National Guard) is exempt from the Hunter Education requirements.
- Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who exhibits proof of active service with the Armed Forces and is stationed in the state **or** is a resident on furlough or leave, **may purchase a gun deer license during the gun deer season.**

### *If a Wisconsin Resident:*

- A **U.S. Armed Forces member** who exhibits proof of:
  1. **Active service** with the Armed Forces and is
  2. **Stationed in the state, or**
  3. Is a **Resident on furlough or leave, is exempt from the three day waiting period** for resident archery and resident Conservation Patron licenses purchased after the season opener.
- A U.S. Armed Forces member holding a current **resident** deer license, who can exhibit proof while hunting and registering a deer that he/she is a:
  1. **Wisconsin Resident,**
  2. In **active service** with the Armed Forces **outside this state,** and
  3. Is **on furlough or leave, may harvest one deer of either sex during any firearm deer season** established by the department on their gun deer carcass tag.

### *IF A NON-RESIDENT:*

- A **non-resident active duty** U.S. Armed Forces member **stationed in Wisconsin** may purchase a **resident gun deer, sports, and small game license.**

## Disabled Hunters:

A qualified disabled person may obtain a permit to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Class A disabled hunters are authorized to harvest deer of either sex with their regular gun deer carcass tag. Contact a DNR service center for details. Allow 30-60 days for processing. Important: Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

### **Blaze orange clothing requirements:**

During any gun or muzzleloader deer season (including the November 1 Youth Deer Hunt, Zone T, or CWD hunt), no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze which is 50 % blaze orange is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

# General Deer Hunting Regulations

## Hunting Hours:

- See tables on pages 44-47 for specific daily legal hours. The legal hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.

## Licenses/Permits:

- See tagging chart on page 13 for detailed instructions.
- A gun deer license is required to hunt deer with a firearm (including muzzleloaders).
- An archery license is required to hunt deer with bow and arrow (or crossbow by qualified individuals as described on page 10 under “Crossbows”).
- A Hunters Choice permit, a first year hunter education graduate certificate with an unused gun deer carcass tag, or a bonus or Zone T antlerless deer permit authorizes the harvest of an **antlerless** deer during a firearm deer season. A Hunters Choice permit with an unfilled gun deer carcass tag can also be filled with an antlerless deer during the archery deer season by a hunter using a bow and arrow in the unit specified on the Hunters Choice permit if the hunter possesses a valid archery license. (This will eliminate your opportunity to use your gun deer carcass tag to shoot a buck with a firearm).
- An antlerless deer can only be harvested in the deer management unit authorized by the Hunter’s Choice, bonus or Zone T antlerless deer permit. (A Zone T antlerless permit is valid in any Zone T unit).
- **Backtag** must be displayed where it can be clearly seen in the center of the back of the the outermost garment. **Note:** the backtag must not be hidden by your coat hood, displayed upside down or be marked up in any manner.
- **Special requirements exist in CWD units. See pages 30 to 31 for details.**
- A Class A and C disabled permit authorize the holder to kill a deer of either sex with a firearm, on a gun deer carcass tag during any firearm deer season.

## Firearm and Bow Restrictions:

### General Restrictions

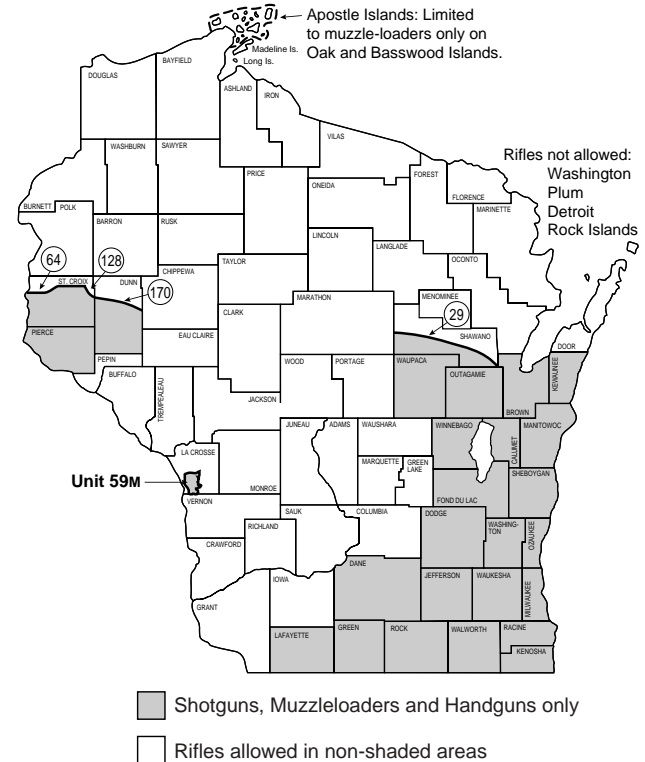
#### It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow. Handguns may be used as described under the “handgun section” (page 10).
- possess any firearm from 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2003 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. Exceptions: target shooting at established target ranges, CWD zones (see page 26), waterfowl hunting during open season, and hunting on licensed bird hunting preserves. **Note:** An established target range means an existing facility that has target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.
- hunt deer or bear with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, nonexpanding type bullets.

- possess or control any shotshell loaded with single slug or ball while hunting, except during the gun season for deer or bear.
- possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 2 (or June 1 - Dec. 16 in Zone T units).

**Note:** Be sure to check with local authorities before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

## Deer Firearm Restricted Areas Map (see page 26 for CWD Areas)



Note: Handguns, shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used in any area open to deer hunting with rifles.

Pick up litter and  
keep your hunting grounds healthy!



**Rifles:**

- Must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length.
- Are legal for hunting deer in areas not restricted to shotgun, muzzleloaders and handguns only as indicated by non-shaded areas on map on page 9.
- It is illegal to possess a rifle larger than .22 rimfire during any gun deer season in shotgun only areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with a .22 or 5mm rimfire rifle or .177 caliber center-fire rifle.

**Shotguns:**

- Must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length.
- Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.

**Muzzleloaders**

- Smoothbore .45 caliber or larger and rifled .40 caliber or larger, discharged from the shoulder, are legal for deer hunting. **During the 10-day muzzleloader only season (Dec. 1 - 10)**, must have a threaded breach plug, only able to be loaded from the muzzle, and may not have telescopic sights (1 power or less are legal). **Note: Inline muzzleloaders** are legal to use during the 10-day muzzleloader hunt.
- Muzzleloaders may be used in all regular deer season zones and firearm herd-control hunts.

**Handguns:**

- To be legal for deer, handguns must use centerfire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and have a 5 1/2 inch minimum barrel, measured from the firing pin to the muzzle with the action closed.
- **You must be 18 years old to hunt with or possess a handgun.**  
**Note:** Target shooting with handguns by persons under the age of 18 years is allowed only when supervised by an adult.
- You may not possess a concealed handgun.

**Bows, arrows, and crossbows:**

- Bows must have a draw weight of 30 pounds or greater and metal broadheads must be at least 7/8 inches wide and kept sharp to hunt deer or bear.
- Crossbows are only allowed for Resident hunters 65 yrs of age or older and disabled hunters with a Class A, B or crossbow permit. The crossbow shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads. (Requires an archery license).
- You may not possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except as described above) or poisoned, drugged or explosive tipped arrow.

**Arms transportation:**

- All firearms must be unloaded and enclosed within carrying cases when in or on any vehicle whether moving or stationary. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.
- All firearms must be unloaded and enclosed within carrying cases when in or on any motor driven boat while the motor is running. Also, all bows/crossbows

must be unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case when in or on any motor driven boat while the motor is running.

**Note:** Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

**Note:** A holster is not a legal carrying case for a handgun unless it completely encloses the handgun, so that no part of the handgun is visible.

**Vehicle-Killed Deer Tagging and Possession:**

- Contact your Sheriff's Department to obtain a tag so that the carcass can be legally possessed.
- No fee will be charged for a vehicle-killed deer tag.
- Any person may claim a deer that has been killed by a motor vehicle operated on a highway. The driver of a vehicle that accidentally collides with and kills a deer has first priority to the deer. If the driver does not want the deer, any other person who arrives at the scene may claim the carcass.
- Spotted fawns and white deer may not be possessed under a vehicle-killed deer tag.

**Muzzleloader Only Deer Season:**

- If after the regular gun deer season, you or your group hunting party still possess an unused gun deer carcass tag, antlerless bonus or Zone T antlerless tag, you can participate in the muzzleloader hunt.
- Blaze orange clothing requirements apply (see page 7).
- Legal bucks may be harvested under the authority of an unused regular gun deer carcass tag.
- The muzzleloader only season will be held statewide except in some state parks, metro units and CWD units.
- Antlerless deer may only be harvested with unfilled Hunter's Choice bonus antlerless or Zone T tags in units for which they are valid.

**Youth Deer Hunt:**

- Open to persons 12 - 15 years of age who possess a hunter education certificate of accomplishment and a gun deer license.
- May harvest an antlerless deer **with a gun** on Saturday, November 1 in deer management units (except state park and other non-quota units) not included in a Zone T or CWD hunt (since youth can already hunt on this Saturday in all Zone T and CWD units).
- The bag limit is one antlerless deer per hunter's choice or antlerless deer permit.
- Youth who are first time graduates of the hunter education program may use their certificates of accomplishment in place of a hunter's choice permit.
- Antlered deer may not be harvested with a gun during this one day youth hunt **unless** the youth holds a valid Class A or C disabled permit issued by DNR.
- Allowable types of guns are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season.
- Hunters shall be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- One adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters and all other hunting regulations apply.

## Deer Carcass Tags:

- When you purchase your license, you will receive a backtag and carcass tags.  
**Notice:** there are two carcass tags printed with each deer license, and the Zone T carcass tag is only valid in Zone T or CWD units.
- You will need to provide your own string or similar fastener to attach to the carcass tag to your deer.

## Deer Tagging Instructions:

- You must validate the deer carcass tag immediately upon killing and before field dressing or moving the deer.**
- Be sure you have selected the correct tag and validate by slitting the appropriate date, time and type of deer indicated on the tag. **Note:** An antlerless deer is any deer that does not have any antler of 3 or more inches in length.
- Insert the string or similar fastener through the small hole in the middle of the tag (note: a tab covers the hole).
- Immediately **Attach the validated tag to the deer's ear or antler.**
- After the deer has been tagged, it must be registered at an appropriate registration station. Please see the section on registration (below).

## Note:

- Any person killing a deer for another member of their group deer hunting party (see page 14) must make sure that the person for whom the deer was killed attaches a validated carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler without delay and prior to field dressing or moving the deer.
- The carcass and registration tags must remain attached to the deer, but may be removed from the carcass at the time of butchering. The person who killed, tagged or obtained the deer shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.
- Deer must be kept intact, except for field dressing, prior to registration.  
Exemption: Deer may be skinned and quartered by persons holding a Class A or B disabled hunting permit. All parts of a field dressed carcass that is skinned and quartered, including the skin, must be exhibited at the time of registration.

## Deer Registration (see pages 32-33 for CWD requirements):

In addition to the tagging requirements, **all** deer must also be taken to a DNR Deer Registration Station and registered. Registration Stubs are available at deer registration stations and license vendors. To save time, please fill out the registration stub, unwrap the carcass tag, and have your backtag and Hunter's Choice (if applicable) with you before bringing your deer to the registration station attendant.

## Firearm Deer Registration: (includes muzzleloader deer season)

- Location:** **Both Antlered and Antlerless Deer** must be registered in the unit of kill or in an adjoining unit.
- Deadline:** All deer killed by firearms must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after the close of the season in which the deer was killed. Season dates are listed on pages 18-19 and 22-23.

## Archery Deer Registration:

- Location:** **All** deer killed by archery hunters must be registered in the unit of kill or an adjoining unit.
- Deadline:** All deer killed by archery hunters must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third day after the deer was killed or by 5:00 p.m. the day after the season closes, whichever occurs first.

## Deer Tagging Options (Non-CWD Units)

If you have a(n):	You may harvest...			In MRB** Units (that are not Zone T)
	In regular DMU's*	In Zone T Units	In MRB** Units (that are not Zone T)	
Archery Carcass Tag	...a deer of either sex during any open archery season.	...a deer of either sex during all archery hunts except only antlerless deer during the Oct. & Dec. herd control hunts.	...a deer of either sex during any open archery season.	
Gun Carcass Tag	...an Antlered deer (one antler of at least 3") during the regular firearm or muzzleloader season.	...a deer of either sex during regular gun deer and muzzleloader season, but only antlerless deer during the October & December herd control hunts.	...a deer of either sex during any open firearm season.	
Gun Carcass Tag w/ Hunter's Choice Permit	...a deer of either sex taken by firearm or an antlerless deer taken by bow only in the unit specified on the HC permit and taken with the proper weapon and associated license for the season in which the deer was harvested.	N/A	N/A	
Zone T Free Carcass Tag	N/A	...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted.	N/A	
Unit-specific Bonus Tag	...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted, but only in the unit specified on the Bonus permit.	...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted, but only in the unit specified on the Bonus permit.	...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted, but only in the unit specified on the Bonus permit.	

\* Deer Management Units

\*\* Mississippi River Block

**Note:** State Park units have special rules. Please see regulations Pages 16-17 of this pamphlet or contact the park you wish to hunt in.

## Group Deer Hunting Law

**Group Hunting:** It is illegal to kill game for another person EXCEPT that during a *deer firearm season only*, any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party if they are all hunting with firearms. Members of a group deer hunting party should also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag on a deer killed by another member of the party.

The following conditions are established by law to ensure that hunters are actively participating in the hunt, are in the field and do not harvest more deer than the group has tags for:

1. A group deer hunting party must be at least 2 or more hunters who are hunting together in the same area.
2. Each hunter must be using a firearm and be licensed to hunt deer. Other hunters may not shoot antlerless deer for first time hunter education graduates who are using their Hunter Education card as a permit for antlerless deer. Hunter education graduates may use group hunting to harvest a deer under a hunters choice or bonus permit issued by the DNR.
3. When the deer is killed, the hunter who kills the deer must be in either voice or visual contact with the hunter who will tag the deer. Loss of voice or visual contact for a reasonable time due to terrain or weather conditions is acceptable.
4. Hunters may not use cellular phones, radio communications or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices, (except hearing aids) to get someone to tag a deer. ***It is legal to use electronic devices for any reason other than getting someone to tag a deer.***
5. The hunter for whom the deer is killed must possess a current, unused gun deer, bonus antlerless, or Zone T carcass tag.
6. The hunter killing the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the deer is tagged and the tag is validated according to the deer carcass tagging instructions. A hunter is considered to be attending the deer if the hunter can see the deer.
7. Group hunting requires all participants to possess firearms, therefore, convicted felons cannot participate in group deer hunting or allow use of their tag by any one else. Deer drivers are not required to possess firearms or hunting licenses.
8. The above conditions describe a legal group deer hunting party. Hunters must all be present and hunting together in the same area to be a part of a group deer hunting party. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are at home, work, school, camp or at other locations apart from the area where the hunter killed the deer.

## State-Owned Lands (Including State Forests)

***It is illegal to:***

- hunt or possess any firearm or bow in any wildlife refuge or possess any firearm, air gun, slingshot or bow in any state park, state fish hatchery, or within 100 yards of any state campground or picnic area (except as posted open to deer hunting) unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or in the case of a bow/crossbow, unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- pursue, drive or chase animals on lands under the ownership or control of the DNR that are closed to hunting.
- build or use a ground blind or any elevated device on lands owned or under the control of the DNR unless it does not damage the tree and it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. This also includes lands enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) and Forest Crop Law (FCL) programs, however this does not apply to the landowners of land enrolled in the program or those who have the landowner's authorization.  
**Note:** Ground blinds may be constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property. All national forest lands, federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas are protected by similar rules. For lands under county ownership, check local ordinances.
- damage trees on state-owned lands including MFL and FCL lands.  
**Note:** Cutting shooting lanes and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal.
- possess any loaded or uncased firearm while within the exterior boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties or on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine or Point Beach state forests, state recreation areas or on state trails established on abandoned railroad grades, except as follows:
  1. while engaged in hunting in accordance with the open deer seasons listed on pages 18-19, 22-23 and 28-29.
  2. while engaged in hunting in accordance with open hunting seasons listed in the ***2003 Small Game and General Hunting Regulations***.
  3. while shooting at an established target range (this is the only target shooting permitted on state-lands).
- Operate motor vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles on state owned lands, except on roads and areas posted open to their use.
- camp on any state lands except in designated campgrounds unless a special camp registration permit is obtained from the DNR prior to setting up camp.



## State Park Hunting

### Archery Deer

**Deer hunting during the EARLY and LATE BOW SEASONS is allowed in:**

1. Buckhorn State Park
2. Plum Island part of Grand Traverse Island State Park
3. Part of Big Bay State Park - (Beginning on October 15<sup>th</sup>)
4. Rock Island State Park (Unit 81) - (Beginning on October 15<sup>th</sup>)
5. Mill Bluff State Park - (Beginning on October 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Deer hunting during the December portion of the LATE BOW SEASON ONLY is allowed in:**

1. Elroy-Sparta state trail
2. Hartman Creek state park
3. Interstate state park
4. Kinnickinnic state park (beginning on December 15)
5. Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail
6. Willow River state park (beginning on December 15)
7. Newport state park

**Deer hunting during the December portion of the LATE BOW SEASON is allowed ONLY BY PERMIT\* in the following State Parks Units:**

1. Burnet Island - Unit 23A
2. Rib Mountain - Unit 57D
3. Harrington Beach - Unit 69C
4. Council Grounds - Unit 52A
5. Wildcat Mountain - Unit 72A

\* Those interested in hunting the properties/Units that require a permit in 2004 must apply through the Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Permit Application process by **July 20** (a \$3 application required).

Special hours and area restrictions may apply within these state parks; this information will be mailed to successful applicants. See pages 18-19 for season dates.

### Zone T Season - In State Park Units

State Park Deer Management Units will not participate in Zone T season extensions (Oct. or Dec.). However, Free Zone T Antlerless Permits may be used in Zone T designated parks during the Nov. 22 - Nov. 30 season dates by hunters authorized to hunt in those parks.

### Gun Deer

**Deer hunting during the November 22-November 30, 2003 season is allowed and NO SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED in the following State Parks:**

(must check with Park staff for information on any closed areas within these parks)

1. Elroy-Sparta state trail
2. Hartman Creek state park
3. Interstate state park

4. Mill Bluff state park
5. Newport state park
6. Rock Island state park (shotgun only)
7. Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail
8. Part of Big Bay state park
9. Plum Island part of Grand Traverse Island State Park

**Deer hunting from November 22 - December 14, 2003 is allowed and NO SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED in the following State Parks:**

1. Kinnickinnic state park
2. Willow River state park

**Deer hunting during the November 22-November 30, 2003 gun season is allowed BY PERMIT ONLY\* in the following State Parks Units:**

1. Council Grounds - Unit 52A (shotgun only)\*\*
2. Wyalusing state park - Unit 73A

\* Those interested in hunting the properties/Units that require a permit in 2004 must apply through the Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Permit Application process by **July 20** (a \$3 application required).

\*\*Council Grounds State Park is also open to Muzzleloader only hunting from Dec. 1 - Dec. 7.

**Note:** If group hunting in these parks, all members of the hunting party must possess a valid Park Access Permit for that property.

### Muzzleloader Only Deer Hunting

**Deer hunting with muzzleloaders is allowed BY PERMIT ONLY\* in the following State Parks Units (Muzzleloader Season dates vary, see pages 18-19 for season dates.):**

1. Burnet Island - Unit 23A
2. Council Grounds - Unit 52A
3. Harrington Beach - Unit 69C
4. Peninsula - Unit 80C
5. Rib Mountain - Unit 57D
6. Wildcat Mountain - Unit 72A
7. Perrot - Unit 61A
8. Loew Lake Unit-KMSF - Unit 77D

\* Those interested in hunting the properties/Units that require a permit in 2004 must apply through the Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Permit Application process by **July 20** (a \$3 application required).

Special hours and area restrictions may apply within these state parks; this information will be mailed to successful applicants. See pages 18-19 for season dates.

## Deer Hunting Seasons (Non-Zone T and Non-CWD Units)

See pages 22-23 for Zone T Season Chart and pages 28-29 for CWD Season Chart.

Unit(s)	Season Limit	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<b>Archery</b>						
Statewide Except as Listed Below	One deer either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit		Sept. 13 - Nov. 20			Dec. 1 - Jan. 3
81 (Rock Is.), Mill Bluff & Part of Big Bay State Parks	One deer either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit		Oct. 15 - Nov. 20			Dec. 1 - Dec. 31
Kinnickinnic and Willow River State Parks	One deer either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit				Dec. 15 - Dec. 31	
23A, 52A, 57D, 72A, 69C	One deer of either sex per hunter's choice permit and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit				Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
<b>Youth Hunt (Gun Hunt - Ages 12-15)</b>						
Statewide (Except Zone T & CWD Units)	One antlerless deer as authorized by hunter's choice or antlerless deer permit			Nov. 1		
<b>Gun Deer</b>						
Statewide Except as Listed Below	One buck or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit			Nov. 22 - Nov. 30		
Mississippi River Block – 74A, 74B	One deer of either sex plus additional antlerless per permit			Nov. 22 - Nov. 30		

State Park Units - 52A, 73A	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit			Nov. 22 - Nov. 30		
Kinnickinnic and Willow River State Parks	One deer either sex plus additional antlerless per permit (Dec. 11-14 antlerless only)			Nov. 22 - Dec. 14		
<b>Muzzleloader</b>						
Statewide Except as Listed Below	One buck or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit			Dec. 1 - Dec. 10		
Mississippi River Block – 74A, 74B	One deer of either sex and additional antlerless deer as authorized by permit			Dec. 1 - Dec. 10		
State Park Units - 61A, 80C	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit			Nov. 22 - Nov. 30		
State Park Units -77D, 72A, 57D, 69C, 23A	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit			Nov. 22 - Dec. 7		
State Park Unit - 52A Council Grounds S.P.	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit			Dec. 1 - Dec. 7		
79 (Apostle Islands – Except Long Is.)	One deer either sex.	Oct. 1 - Oct. 31				

## Zone T - Special Deer Hunting Regulations: (Applies to Zone T units only)

### Zone T Firearm, Muzzleloader and Archery Seasons Registration

Deer must be registered in the Deer Management Unit of kill or an adjacent unit. Deer harvested during the October gun hunt must be registered no later than 5:00 PM on November 3, and deer harvested during the four-day December gun hunt must be registered no later than 5:00 PM on December 15.

Regular season registration requirements apply to the nine-day gun deer season, November 22 – 30 and the muzzleloader season, December 1 – 10.

Deer harvested during the archery season must be registered by 5:00 PM on the third day after the deer was killed or by 5:00 PM on the day after the close of the season in which it was killed, whichever is first.

### Area West of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks (BNSF)

Deer gun hunting in Zone T units during the October 30 – November 2 herd control hunt is prohibited in the area west of the BNSF. Archery hunting will be open during this four-day period. Archery deer hunting on private, state and federal lands open to hunting west of the BNSF railroad tracks will be either-sex.

This area will be open to gun deer hunting during the regular 9-day season, muzzleloader only season, and the December 11-14 Zone T hunt.

Portions of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge open to hunting are also open to deer hunting during the archery, regular firearm and muzzleloader seasons. However, refuge closed areas will not open to deer hunting until the day after the duck season closes. Contact these wildlife refuges for season details and regulations.

### Mississippi River Block Units

Mississippi River Block (MRB) units 59D and 61 are designated as Zone T units for the 2003 deer hunting seasons. Hunters will be able to use free Zone T antlerless permits in these two MRB Zone T units in 2003. A regular gun deer license is automatically good for 1 deer of either sex in any MRB unit.

### State Park Hunting

Zone T Antlerless Permits will be available for use in Zone T-designated parks (units 23A, 52A, 69C, 72A, 77D, and 80C) during their regular deer hunting season. However, State Parks including these State Park Deer Management Units, will not participate in Zone T season extensions (Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 and Dec. 11 – 14). Group applications will be considered for State Park units. Please refer to the 2003 Hunter's Choice/Bonus Deer Hunting Permit Application for details on group applications. Special hours and area restrictions may apply within the parks; this information will be mailed to successful applicants.

**Note:** The season limit for the deer firearm season (Nov. 22 – 30) in the Kendal to Sparta portion of the Elroy-Sparta state trail, the Draper to Park Falls portion of the Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail, and Hartman Creek, Rock Island (shotgun only), Newport, and Big Bay state parks and the Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge will be one deer of either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit. Additionally, the season limit for the muzzleloader only season (Dec. 1 – 10) at Rock Island and

Newport state parks and the Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge will be one deer of either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit.

### Waterfowl Refuges and Closed Areas

Deer gun hunting in closed areas on state and federal refuges varies. Contact your local DNR office for information on deer hunting in state refuges or contact the refuge manager listed in the special hunts section (page 41-42) for specific regulations regarding federal wildlife and fish refuges.

### Blaze Orange Clothing

Blaze orange clothing requirements apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters during all open deer firearm seasons and hunts, including the October 30 – November 2 and December 11 – 14 herd control hunts, the November 22 – 30 gun deer season, and the December 1 – 10 muzzleloader season.

**Note:** Deer hunters should always be aware that waterfowl hunters and other people not wearing blaze orange may be present, and caution should be exercised. Always make sure of your target and beyond!







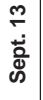











### Tag Use and Availability in Zone T Deer Management Units




One free Zone T Antlerless Deer Permit will be issued with the purchase of each deer-related license, for a maximum of two free tags, if a hunter purchases both a gun deer and an archery license or a Conservation Patron's License. These Zone T free antlerless permits **may be filled in any Zone T unit during any open deer season in that unit**. Hunters who wish to acquire more antlerless tags for use in Zone T units may purchase **unit-specific** Bonus Antlerless Permits at any license vendor beginning in mid-September (\$12 each for residents and \$20 each for non-residents).

### Always Remember the Four Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

## Zone T Deer Season Framework

Season Limit		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<b>Zone T Units: Archery Season</b>						
Zone T Units	One deer either sex and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit	 Sept. 13 - Oct. 29	 Nov. 3 - Nov. 20	 Dec. 1 - Dec. 10	 Dec. 15 - Jan. 3*	
	Antlerless deer only and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit		 Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	 Dec. 11 - Dec. 14* (only south of Hwy. 8)		
Zone T Metro Units	One deer either sex and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit	 Sept. 13 - Oct. 29	 Nov. 3 - Nov. 20	 Nov. 22 - Dec. 10	 Dec. 15 - Jan. 31*	
	Antlerless deer only and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit		 Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	 Dec. 11 - Dec. 14* (only south of Hwy. 8)		
<b>Zone T Units: Gun Season</b>						
Zone T Units	One deer either sex and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit			 Nov. 22 - Nov. 30		
	Antlerless deer only and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit		 Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	 Dec. 11 - Dec. 14* (only south of Hwy. 8)		
Zone T Metro Units (59M, 60M, 64M and 77M)	One deer either sex and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit			 Nov. 22 - Dec. 10		
	Antlerless deer only and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit		 Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	 Dec. 11 - Dec. 14* (only south of Hwy. 8)		

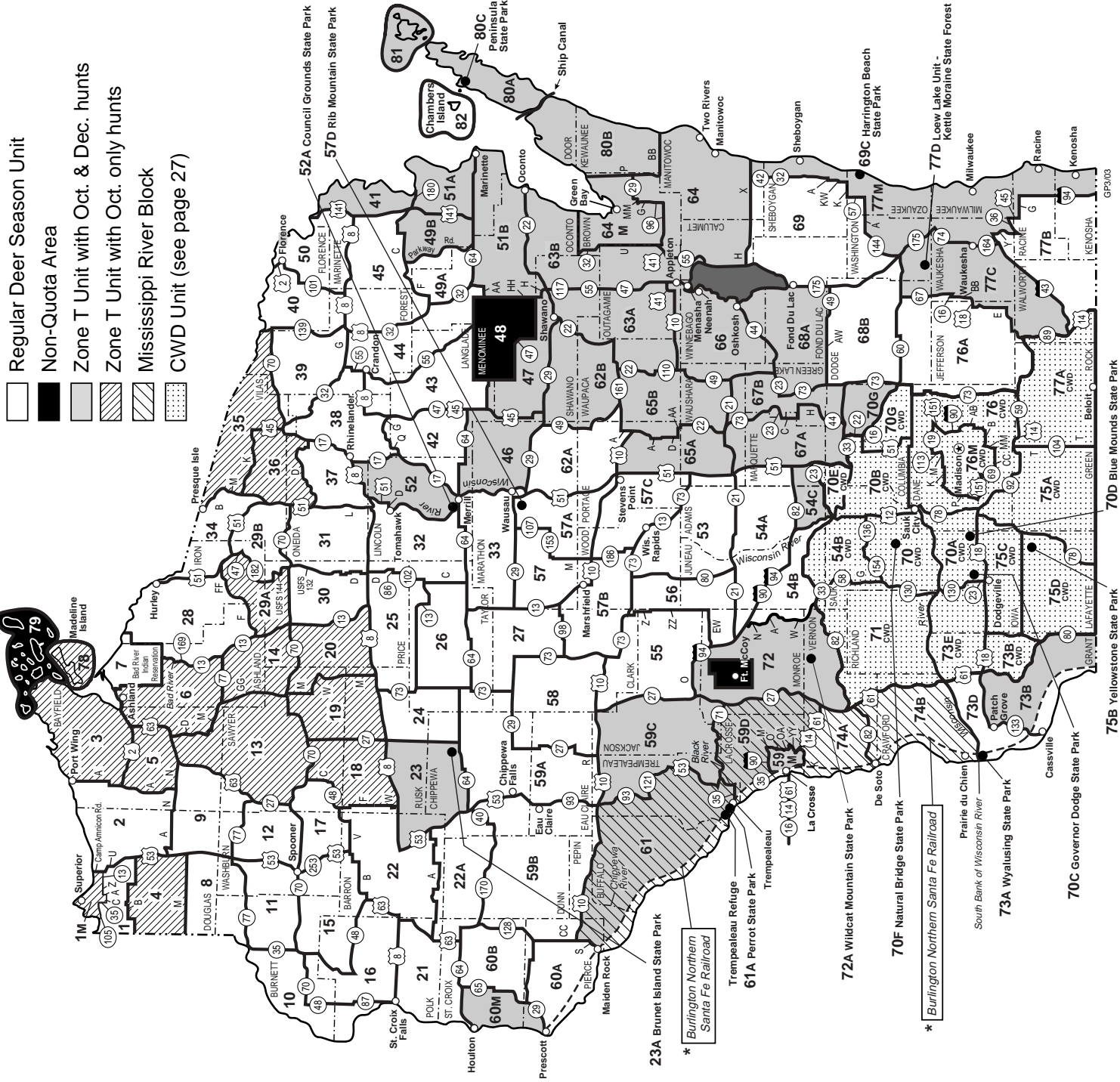
Zone T Metro Unit 1M	One deer either sex and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit			 Nov. 22 - Dec. 14	
	Antlerless deer only and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit		 Oct. 30 - Nov. 2		
<b>Zone T Units: Muzzleloader Season</b>					
All Zone T Units (including Metro Units)	One deer of either sex per unused gun deer license plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit			 Dec. 1 - Dec. 10	

**\*Note:** Zone T Deer Management Units north of Highway 8 (see map on pages 24 and 25) will only participate in the October 30 – November 2 hunt and **not** the December 11 – 14 hunt. The either sex archery season continues through December 11 – 14 in these units.

### Zone T Units

Zone T special season structure will be held in the following deer management units in 2003: 1M, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 23, 29A, 35, 36, 41, 46, 47, 49B, 51A, 51B, 52, 54C, 59C, 59D, 59M, 60M, 61, 62B, 63A, 63B, 64, 64M, 65A, 65B, 66, 67A, 67B, 68A, 70G, 72, 73B, 77C, 77M, 78, 80A, 80B, and 81.

## 2003 Deer Management Units



\*For area west of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, see pages 20-21 for Zone T deer hunting regulations.



## Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Special Regulations

This section explains regulations that are specific to the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone and the Herd Reduction Zone (see adjacent page).

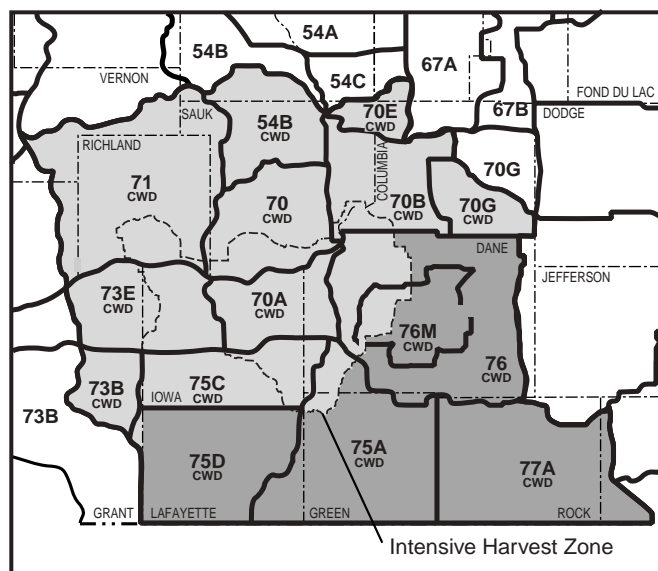
Other than landowners or individuals hunting under the authority of a landowner permit in the Eradication Zone (see pages 34-35 for details), all hunters in these zones are required to follow the license requirements listed on pages 4 - 7 of this pamphlet.

### To Learn More About CWD:

The Department of Natural Resources offers a chronic wasting disease Web site, [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us), with recent news releases, maps and links to Wisconsin's Interagency CWD Taskforce Web sites. The Web site also links to additional CWD information from other states and CWD researchers.

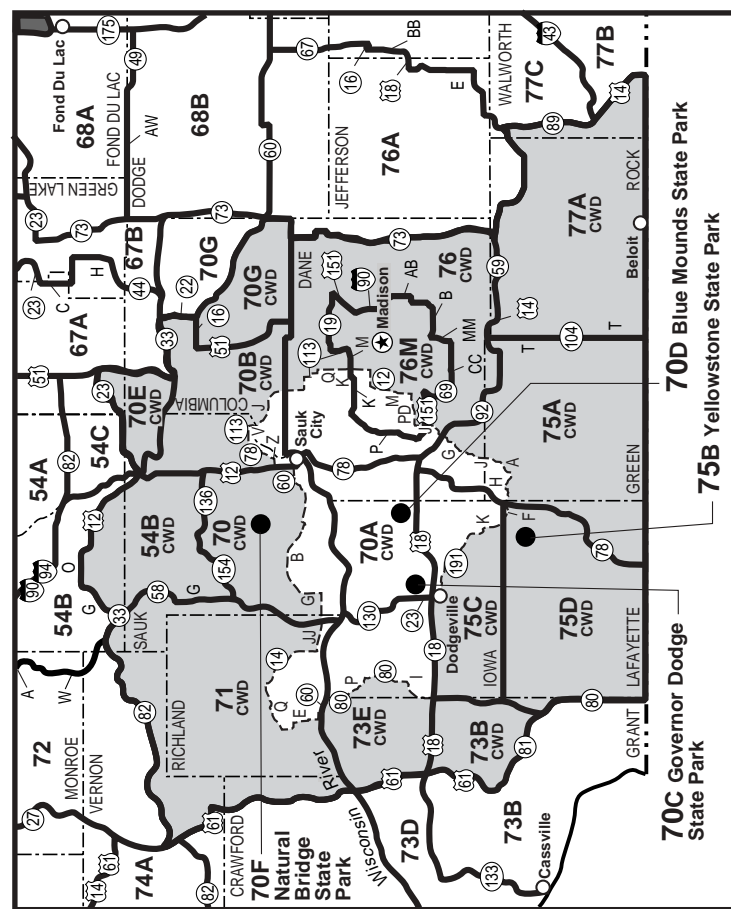
### Firearm and Bow Restrictions in the CWD Zones:

- A person may only use the weapon authorized by the type of license they hold and may only use the weapon type authorized for the hunts listed on pages 28 and 29.
- It is unlawful to use rifles to hunt deer in the Dane, Green, Lafayette and Rock County portions of the Herd Reduction zone. Rifles can be used to hunt deer in the entire Intensive Harvest zone, including the Dane, Green and Lafayette County portion.



- Shotguns, Muzzleloaders and Handguns *only*
- Rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns allowed
- County Line
- DMU boundary

### 2003 CWD Zones



## Deer Hunting Dates in Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Zones

Please Refer to Map on Page 27 for Areas Affected by CWD Hunts.

Unit(s)	Harvest Limits	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
CWD INTENSIVE HARVEST ZONE						
Archery						
Entire zone except for those State Parks listed below	One antlerless deer per permit. <sup>1</sup> In addition, one buck deer may be taken for each antlerless deer harvested in accordance with the procedures outlined on pages 30-31.	Sept. 13 – Jan. 3				
Blue Mound, Gov. Dodge and Tower Hill State Parks**		Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 (Hunting hours close at noon each day)	Nov. 3 – Dec. 14 (Normal hunting hours apply)			
Gun Deer						
Entire zone except for those State Parks listed below	One antlerless deer per permit. <sup>1</sup> In addition, one buck deer may be taken for each antlerless deer harvested in accordance with the procedures outlined on pages 30-31.	Oct. 30 – Jan. 3				
Blue Mound, Gov. Dodge and Tower Hill State Parks **		Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 (Hunting hours close at noon each day)	Nov. 3 – Dec. 14 (Normal hunting hours apply)			

HERD REDUCTION ZONE						
Archery						
Entire zone except for those state parks listed below.  Mirror Lake, Yellowstone, Rocky Arbor, Natural Bridge, Cadiz Springs, New Glarus Woods, and Devil's Lake State Parks**	One antlerless deer per permit/tag. <sup>1</sup> In addition, one buck deer may be taken for each antlerless deer harvested in accordance with the procedures outlined on pages 30-31.	Sept. 13 – Jan. 3				
					Nov. 22 – Dec. 14 (Normal hunting hours apply)	
Gun Deer						
Entire zone except for those state parks listed below.  Mirror Lake, Yellowstone, Rocky Arbor, Natural Bridge, Cadiz Springs, New Glarus Woods, and Devil's Lake State Parks**	One antlerless deer per permit/tag. <sup>1</sup> In addition, one buck deer may be taken for each antlerless deer harvested in accordance with the procedures outlined on pages 30-31.			Oct. 30 – Nov. 2		Nov. 22 – Jan. 3
				Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 (Hunting hours close at noon each day)		Nov. 22 – Dec. 14 (Normal hunting hours apply)

<sup>1</sup>Permits which authorize the harvest of an antlerless deer include Zone T or CWD Earn-a-buck permits and gun carcass tags (during the gun hunts) or unused archery tags (during the archery hunts).

\*\*Special State Park Hunting Permit required. See page 31 for details.

Note: The above CWD hunts replace the one-day antlerless Youth Deer Hunt, the regular 9-day gun season, the 10-day Muzzleloader Season and the 4-day October and December antlerless-only Zone T hunts within the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone and Herd Reduction Zone.

## Chronic Wasting Disease Special Permits:

**Except as explained in Section B,** in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones a valid gun or archery deer carcass tag, Zone T antlerless permit, and special CWD Earn-a-Buck permits are *only* valid for tagging antlerless deer. Hunter's Choice and unit Specific Non-CWD Bonus antlerless deer permits are *not* valid in the CWD Zones.

**A. Special CWD Earn-a-Buck permit.** This special permit, which is yellow in color, is only valid in the deer management units or portions of deer management units included in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones. *These permits:*

1. will be issued free of charge, 4 permits per day at all DNR Service Centers and a limited number of license vendors in and near the CWD Zones.
2. can be used during any of the hunts described in tables on pages 28 -29 (these tags are not weapon specific).

**B. Tagging bucks with antlerless tags or permits.** A valid gun or archery deer carcass tag, Zone T permit, or special CWD Earn-a-Buck permit can be used to tag a buck deer only when:

1. an antlerless deer has been legally harvested and tagged **prior** to the harvest of the buck deer, **AND**
2. the antlerless deer accompanies the buck deer until both are registered.

**Note:** It is illegal to possess any untagged deer. Any buck killed after tagging an antlerless deer, must also be tagged with a buck permit as described below, or with one of the above mentioned antlerless tags before it may be transported in any manner.

**C. Special CWD buck deer permit.** This special permit, which is green in color, is valid for the taking of a buck deer in management units or portions of deer management units included in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones. A special CWD buck deer permit may be issued to an individual for each antlerless deer they harvest and register in CWD Intensive Harvest Zone or Herd Reduction Zone. Each antlerless deer registered in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones may only be used for authorization to kill one buck deer or to earn one special CWD buck deer permit. *These permits:*

1. will be issued free of charge upon registering an antlerless deer that is not accompanying a buck deer as authorization for the buck in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones.
2. can be used during any of the hunts described in tables on pages 28-29 (these tags are not weapon specific).
3. are not transferable and may only be used by the hunter who registered an antlerless deer to secure the buck permit (group hunting rules apply see page 14).

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** There are unlimited free tags available for both Zones. If you plan to hunt elsewhere in the state, in addition to hunting in the CWD Intensive Harvest or Herd Reduction Zones, you may wish to keep your gun and/or archery carcass tags and Zone-T tag(s) for use outside these Zones.

## CWD Zone STATE PARK Deer Hunting Permits

No person may hunt deer during the CWD hunts listed on pages 28-29 in the following state parks without first obtaining a state park deer hunting permit/property map identifying those areas closed to deer hunting within the park properties.

- |                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Blue Mound State Park     | 6. New Glarus Woods State Park |
| 2. Cadiz Springs State Park  | 7. Natural Bridge State Park   |
| 3. Devil's Lake State Park   | 8. Rocky Arbor State Park      |
| 4. Governor Dodge State Park | 9. Tower Hill State Park       |
| 5. Mirror Lake State Park    | 10. Yellowstone State Park     |

The number of hunting permits issued will not be limited in number.

**Note:** Permits and property maps will be available at the state park office and department service centers within the CWD zones. Vehicle Admission Stickers are still required. Check with State Park office for details about all other park rules and camping information.

## Deer Tagging Options in the CWD Zones:

<i>If you have a(n):</i>	<i>You may harvest...</i>
<b>Archery Carcass Tag</b>	One antlerless deer with a bow and arrow. A buck deer may be tagged with an archery carcass tag in accordance with the procedure outlined in section B on page 30 if the hunter first tags an antlerless deer in the CWD Intensive Harvest or Herd Reduction Zone.
<b>Gun Carcass Tag</b>	One antlerless deer with a firearm. A buck deer may be tagged with a gun carcass tag in accordance with the procedure outlined in section B on page 30 if the hunter first tags an antlerless deer in the CWD Intensive Harvest or Herd Reduction Zone.
<b>Zone-T Carcass Tag</b>	One antlerless deer per free Zone T carcass tag. A buck deer may be tagged with a Zone T carcass tag in accordance with the procedure outlined in section B on page 30 if the hunter first tags an antlerless deer in the CWD Intensive Harvest or Herd Reduction Zone.
<b>Special CWD Earn-a-Buck Permit*</b>	One antlerless deer per free special CWD Earn-a-Buck permit. A buck deer may be tagged with a Special CWD Earn-a-Buck permit in accordance with the procedure outlined in section B on page 30 if the hunter first tags an antlerless deer in the CWD Intensive Harvest or Herd Reduction Zone.
<b>Special CWD Buck Deer Permit*</b>	One buck deer in either the CWD Intensive Harvest or Herd Reduction Zone during the hunts listed in the table on page 28-29.

\*These permits are not weapon specific, but you must have the correct type of license (gun or bow) for the weapon being used.

## Special diseased deer replacement permit

The department may provide free replacement deer permits to hunters who harvest deer *statewide* that are suspected of being diseased, provided that the entire deer is surrendered to the department or is disposed of as directed by the department. Each special permit shall be:

- (a) Issued by a department employee or a designated agent.
- (b) Issued only to the hunter who tagged the suspected diseased deer.
- (c) Issued only for the type of deer authorized on the permit or license used to harvest and tag the suspect deer.

## CWD Carcass Tagging, Transportation and Registration:

### Deer Tagging Instructions:

1. Hunters must validate and attach the deer carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler immediately upon killing and before field dressing or moving the deer.
2. Any person killing a deer for another member of their group deer hunting party must make sure that the person for whom the deer was killed attaches a validated carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler without delay and prior to field dressing or moving the deer.
3. Be sure you have selected the **correct tag** and validate by slitting the appropriate marks indicated on the tag (date, time, month, and type of deer).

### Carcass transportation

A buck deer may not be transported within the CWD Intensive Harvest or Management Zones unless tagged with a special CWD buck deer permit or it is accompanied by an antlerless deer lawfully killed in the CWD Management or Intensive Harvest Zones and each deer is tagged with one of the following tags: Special CWD Earn-a-Buck permit, gun or bow carcass tag, or a Zone T carcass tag.

**Note:** Although the department does not restrict deer carcass movement once a deer has been registered, we recommend that only the following parts of deer be transported from the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone:

- Meat cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately).
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides and capes with no part of the head or skull attached.
- Clean (no meat or brain tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached or finished taxidermied heads.
- If entire deer are removed from these zones, unused parts should be landfilled.

### Registration

1. Any deer harvested in the **CWD Intensive Harvest Zone** shall be registered at registration stations designated by the department *within this zone* no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after it was killed.
2. Any deer harvested in the **Herd Reduction Zone** shall be registered in the unit of kill or adjacent unit of kill within the Herd Reduction Zone or Intensive Harvest Zone at registration stations designated by the department no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after it was killed. A list of authorized stations will be available at DNR service centers.

### Note:

1. **The DNR is encouraging hunters to register their deer on the day it is harvested to assure the quality of any tissue samples taken by the department for testing.**
2. The carcass and registration tags must remain attached to the deer, but may be removed from the carcass at the time of butchering. The person who killed or obtained the deer shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.
3. Deer must be kept intact, except for field dressing, prior to registration.  
*Exemption:* Deer may be skinned and quartered by persons holding a class A or B disabled hunting permit. All parts of a field dressed carcass that is skinned and quartered, including the skin, must be exhibited at the time of registration.
4. Any part of any deer may be collected or sampled by the department for disease testing purposes prior to registration.

### CWD Blaze orange clothing requirements:

During the firearm and shotgun deer hunts in the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone and Herd Reduction Zone, no person may hunt with a firearm or bow and arrow any game animal or bird, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze which is 50% blaze orange is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

**Note:** This requirement applies to all bow hunting and to legal night hunting activity as described below during the dates of the firearm and shotgun hunts in the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone and Herd Reduction Zone listed in the table on page 28-29.

### Additional regulations affected by CWD hunts:

1. **Night Hunting:** Coyote, fox, raccoon and unprotected species may be hunted **without** hunting hour restrictions. This includes the dates of the firearm and shotgun hunts in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones listed in the table on pages 28-29.  
**Note:** Since there is no "regular 9-day gun deer season" this year in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones, night hunting activity is allowed for coyote, fox, raccoon and unprotected species from November 22 - 30 in the CWD Intensive Harvest and Herd Reduction Zones, but not in other parts of the state.
2. **Possession of rifles during CWD Shotgun Hunts:** It is unlawful to possess a rifle larger than .22 caliber unless unloaded and cased during the Herd Reduction Zone hunt in areas where rifles are prohibited for the hunting of deer. (See page 26).
3. **24 Hour Firearm rule:** In the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone, possession of loaded or uncased firearms is legal during the 24 hour period prior to the hunts listed in the table on pages 28-29 (i.e. no 24 hour closure on the Friday before the traditional 9-day gun deer season in the Intensive Harvest Zone).
4. **Group Hunting:** It is illegal to kill game for another person EXCEPT that during a deer firearm hunt, any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party *if they are all hunting with firearms*. There are additional requirements that must also be met to group hunt for deer. (See page 14).



## CWD Eradication Zone Landowners:

A landowner, a family member of the landowner, or an employee of the landowner may use a firearm or bow to shoot deer from a farm tractor or an implement of husbandry **ONLY** in the following areas: (Both conditions 1 & 2 must apply)

1. **Only on the landowner's land, AND**
2. **Only in a designated Chronic Wasting Disease Eradication Zone**
  - Reminder, the CWD Eradication zone does not include all the land in the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone. See map on page 35 for the current DNR defined CWD Eradication Zone for the section of land you own or hunt.
  - This authority, granted by Wisconsin Statute, expires on June 30, 2004.

### Only these qualified individuals may:

1. Place, possess or transport an uncased firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a farm tractor or implement of husbandry.
2. Load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a farm tractor or implement of husbandry.

### No person may: (including the above qualified individuals)

1. Hunt within 50 feet of the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow:
  - a. **From or across** a highway, or
  - b. Within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

**Exceptions:** Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B disabled permit holders.

### Safety Consideration:

It is strongly recommended that landowners, their family members or their employees who possess a firearm on a tractor or implement of husbandry keep the firearm unloaded while the vehicle is in motion and not load or discharge the weapon until the authorized vehicle has come to a complete stop.

**“Agricultural purpose”** means a purpose related to beekeeping, operating commercial feedlots, dairying, egg production, floriculture, fish or fur farming, forest and game management, grazing, livestock raising, operating orchards, plant greenhouses or nurseries, poultry raising, raising grain, grass, mint or seed crops, sod farming or raising fruits, nuts, berries or vegetables.

**“Family member of the landowner”** means a person who is related to the landowner as a parent, child, spouse, or sibling.

**“Farm tractor”** means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines and other implements of husbandry.

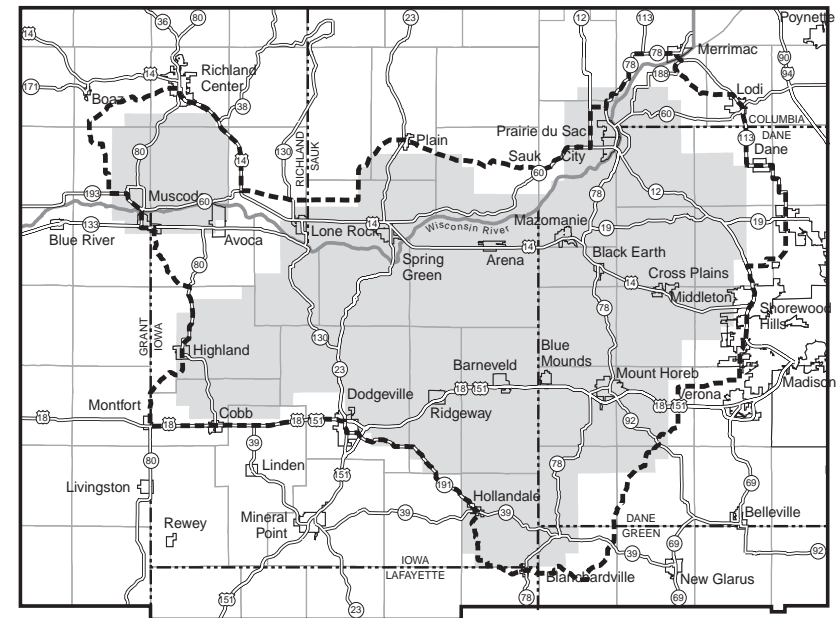
**“Implement of husbandry”** means a vehicle or piece of equipment or machinery designed for agricultural purposes, used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural operations and used principally off the highway.

### Note:

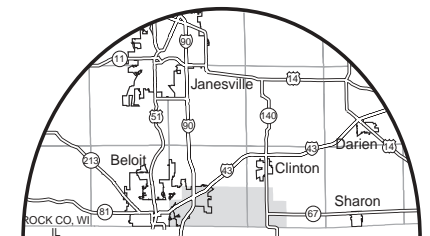
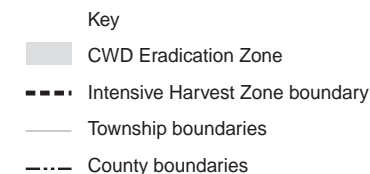
- This would include farm machinery such as combines and hay wagons.
- Farm trucks and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) may qualify as an implement of husbandry if they are used **exclusively** for agricultural operations.
- Farm trucks and ATVs do not qualify as an implement of husbandry if they are also used for any purposes other than agricultural operations. Therefore no person may lawfully transport an uncased or loaded firearm, unstrung bow or discharge a firearm from these vehicles.

## Free Landowner Permits:

The Department will issue free permits to landowners in the **Eradication Zone**. Permits allow landowners, their designee and individuals hunting under a landowner permit to take deer in the Eradication Zone without having to buy a license provided they meet the hunter safety and age requirements listed on pages 4-5. In addition, landowners receiving a permit will receive two free buck tags that can be used by the landowner, or an individual designated by the landowner, to harvest a buck prior to harvesting an antlerless deer. Landowner permits will only be good on land owned by the permit holder and located within the Eradication Zone. Licenses will be required in the Eradication Zone on state owned lands and properties where a landowner permit has not been issued. Hunters may also wish to hunt in other parts of the state, if so a license would be required for all areas and properties not covered by the Eradication Zone permit. Landowners in the Eradication Zone will be contacted with additional guidance on how to obtain the free landowner permits.



## CWD Eradication Zone





## Safe Handling of Deer

Chronic wasting disease has been known to occur in deer and elk in western states for decades. In spite of ongoing surveillance for similar disease syndromes in humans, there has never been an instance of people contracting a CWD-related disease from butchering or eating venison.

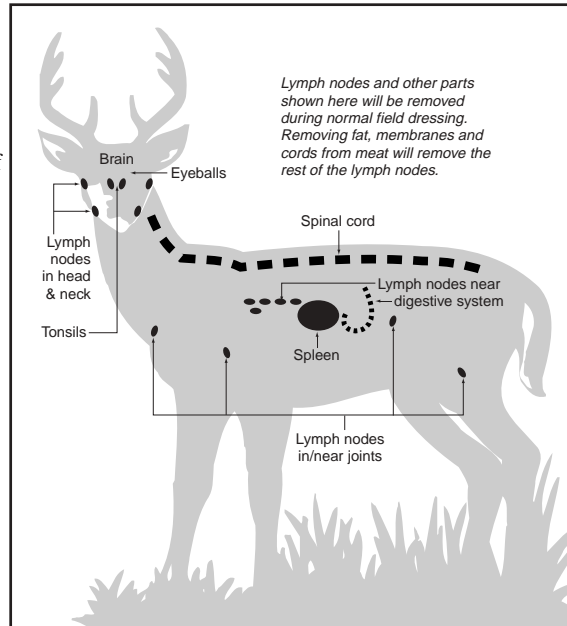
Experts suggest simple precautions that hunters field dressing deer and processors should take when handling deer in areas where CWD is found:

### General Precautions

- Do not eat the eyes, brain, spinal cord, spleen, tonsils or lymph nodes of any deer.
- Do not eat any part of a deer that appears sick.
- If your deer is sampled for CWD testing, wait for test results before eating meat.

### Hunters

- **Wear rubber or latex gloves** when field dressing carcasses.
- **Bone out the meat** from your animal.
- **Remove** all internal organs.
- **Minimize the handling** of brain, spinal cord, spleen and lymph nodes (lumps of tissue next to organs or in fat).
- **Do not use** household knives or utensils.
- **Use equipment dedicated** to field dressing only.
- **Clean knives and equipment** of residue and sanitize with household bleach. Use a solution of equal parts chlorine bleach and water. Wipe down countertops and let them dry. Soak items like knives one hour. When through, dilute the solution further and dump it down a drain.
- **Request that your animal be processed individually** and not combined with meat from other animals.
- **Avoid use of saws.** Do not cut through spine or skull except to remove the head. Use a knife designated only for this purpose.



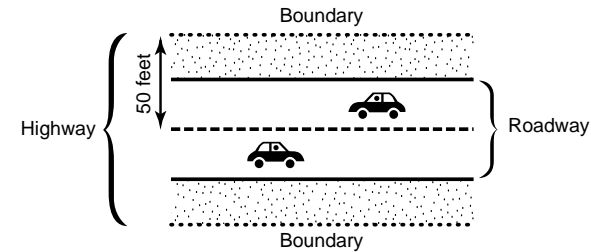
## Additional General Deer Hunting Restrictions

### 1. Road hunting

**Highway** means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.

**Roadway** means the portion of the highway which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

**Public road** means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.



#### It is illegal to:

1. Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
  - a. From or across a highway, or
  - b. Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel). **Exceptions:** Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B disabled permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (Page 43) for an explanation of these exceptions.

### 2. Vehicle restrictions

It is illegal to operate any vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR and on federal waterfowl production areas, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit or in the case of Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Law lands, authorization of the landowner. This prohibition does not apply to public roadways and trails held open to the public for the type of vehicle being operated.

### 3. Shining

#### It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).
  - use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.
- Note:** Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local Sheriff's department or township officials for local shining restrictions.

- shine at any time on federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.

**Exceptions:** A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting raccoon, fox, or unprotected species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, or 2) to find your way.

#### 4. Use of devices

*It is illegal to:*

- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use a bow equipped with a “Draw-Loc” type mechanism that is capable of holding a bow at full draw while hunting.  
**Note:** such devices are legal for use by individuals authorized to use crossbows.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting.
- use cell phones or two-way radios to call someone to tag a deer, but can be used for other communication.

#### 5. Tribal lands

Special rules apply on tribal lands in portions or all of Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Sawyer, and Vilas counties. For more information, contact the tribal chairpersons.

#### 6. Dogs

- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only conservation wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with dogs.

#### 7. Transport, possession and sale of deer

*It is illegal to:*

- sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any deer or part thereof **except:** the head and skin of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
- to possess a deer with broken or removed antlers which makes determination of legality doubtful, unless during gun deer season, you possess a valid hunter’s choice, bonus or Zone T antlerless permit or are in an either sex hunting zone.
- possess a deer carcass unless tagged and registered as required.
- possess deer antlers in velvet and albino or white deer which are all white except for hooves, tarsal glands, heads and parts of the head.
- transport another person’s unregistered deer unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. Once registered, anyone may transport the animal. **Note:** Residents and nonresidents may transport legally possessed deer out of state once registered. **Attention: for CWD Zones see page 32.**

#### 8. Taking and possession of game

*It is illegal to:*

- take any wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person’s consent.
- not immediately kill all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- molest any squirrel nest or den, raccoon den or tree, mink den, or muskrat house.

- carelessly waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without permission of the landowner nor shoot game beyond established shooting hours.
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner, as explained on page 40.

#### 9. Hunting accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire or bow and arrow while hunting or trapping must first render necessary assistance and immediately report the incident to the local sheriff or police. Every person involved in a hunting accident must render a report to the DNR within 10 days.

#### 10. Baiting

**Note: These restrictions may change as a result of legislative action. Check with your nearest DNR Service Center (page 43) prior to deer hunting.**

**Bait** means honey and any solid or nonliquid material attractive to wildlife.

**Liquid scent** means any nonsolid material (excluding honey) which flows freely and takes the shape of its container at a temperature of 70 degrees F.

*It is illegal to:*

- place, use or hunt over bait contained within or containing metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood (other than hollow stumps) or other nondegradable materials.
- use mechanical feeders for the purpose of hunting.
- use any baiting material, liquid or scent for attracting wild animals containing honey, bones, fish, meat, solid animal fat (which includes bacon grease) or parts of animal carcasses.
- place or hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.
- hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent during the archery season without possessing a valid, unused bear harvest permit or archery deer tag.
- place more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent in a baited area or hunt over a baited area containing more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent. **Note:** You may hunt over material deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.
- hunt turkeys with the aid of bait.

**Clarification:** It is illegal to hunt deer in an area that was baited in violation of a, b, c or f (above) from July 1 to January 31 unless the area is completely free of all baiting material for at least 10 consecutive days prior to hunting. The fact that the illegal bait is removed, allowing the area to be hunted after 10 consecutive days, does not alter any liability for the initial illegal placement of the bait.

## Private Lands and Landowner Information:

**License Requirements:** A landowner is required to have a license to hunt deer (except as described on pages 34-35). The owner or occupant of any land and any family member 12 years old and over living with them, may, *without a license* and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for beaver, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, and squirrels year-round; however, hunting is not allowed during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the regular 9-day gun deer season in non-CWD units.

**Liability:** Under sec. 895.52 of the Wisconsin Statutes, landowners are generally immune from liability for injuries received by individuals recreating on their lands. This law provides liability protection for landowners from injury or death of individuals occurring when participating in outdoor recreation activities on their land such as fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, camping, boating and berry picking. This immunity does not apply when the landowner receives more than \$2,000 a year income from the recreation activity or when the landowner acted maliciously with an intent to harm the recreator. There also is an exception for social guests invited specifically for an occasion on residential or platted property or property within 300 feet of a commercial building or structure. Courts have consistently interpreted this statute to protect landowners in furtherance of its purpose, to encourage landowners to allow others to recreate on their lands.

**Trespassing:** Individuals entering a landowner's property without the consent of the landowner are trespassing and can be fined up to \$1,000. Landowners suspecting that individuals are trespassing on their property should contact their local Sheriff or other local law enforcement. *Note: Conservation wardens do not have the authority to investigate trespassing complaints.*

**Special Permits (Farm Owners):** Eligible resident farm owners can receive one free bonus permit in units that have bonus permits available after the mail-in application and allocation process is complete. The farm owner must first purchase a bonus permit in order to get one free permit. To qualify, a majority of the land on the farm must be used on a commercial basis and for an agricultural purpose to provide income. If there are joint owners or vendee names under a land contract, only one of the owners is eligible for the free bonus permit.

**Managed Forest Lands:** Landowners enrolled in either the Forest Crop Law or the Managed Forest Law programs are not required to remove elevated tree stands daily (from land they own as long as no damage is done to the tree). This exception can also be granted to other individuals using the landowner's property with the landowners prior permission. In addition, owners of land enrolled in these programs and individuals authorized by the landowner can operate vehicles and park on these lands.

## Special Hunts

**Badger Army Ammunition Plant:** For hunting information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Commander's Representative, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, ATTN: SMCBA-NR, Baraboo, WI 53913-5000.

**Volk Field Military Facility/Deer Hunting:** For information send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope (8 3/4" X 3 3/4") to: Attn: Natural Resources Management, Volk Field ANGB, 100 Independence Dr., Camp Douglas, WI 54618-5001. Website: [www.volkfield.ang.af.mil/dnrden/index.html](http://www.volkfield.ang.af.mil/dnrden/index.html).

**Fort McCoy Military Reservation:** Applications for hunting permits may be obtained by calling (608) 388-3337 or writing to: Directorate of Training and Mobilization, AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales), 110 E. Headquarters Rd., Fort McCoy WI 54656-5226. Contact office for information on when applications will be sent out and when they are due back.

**Apostle Islands/Muzzleloader Deer:** Permits are required to participate in the Oct. 1-31 muzzleloader season on Oak and Basswood Islands. Apply between June 15 and July 15 on special application forms, which can be obtained by writing: Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lake Shore, Rt. 1, Box 4, Bayfield, WI 54814 or call 715-779-3397. Madeline and Long Islands are open to regular statewide seasons; all others are closed.

**Horicon NWR:** (Dodge/Fond du Lac Counties) offers archery, shotgun deer and small game hunting. For details, write to Horicon NWR, Refuge Manager, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville, WI 53050 or call 920-387-2658.

**Fox River NWR:** (Marquette County) offers limited deer hunting. Gun deer hunting during the Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 deer herd control hunt is prohibited. Contact the Horicon NWR Refuge Manager (see above).

**Necedah NWR:** (Juneau County) offers deer, migratory bird, wild turkey, and limited small game hunting (coyote hunting is not allowed). For details, write the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Necedah NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, Necedah, WI 54646 or call 608-565-2551.

**Trempealeau NWR:** (Trempealeau County) offers gun deer hunting and late season archery under refuge permit. For details, write to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trempealeau NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, W28488 Refuge Rd., Trempealeau, WI 54661-8272 or call 608-539-2311.

**Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge:** Portions of the refuge are open to hunting with the following exceptions: On areas posted "NO HUNTING ZONE" all hunting is prohibited. On areas posted "AREA CLOSED" all migratory bird hunting, including ducks, geese, brant, crows, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, coots and gallinules is prohibited. Other hunting is allowed beginning the day after the close of the duck season. On OPEN HUNTING AREAS, all hunting is prohibited from March 16 until the opening of the fall hunting seasons except spring turkey hunting is allowed. For more information, contact: Refuge Headquarters, 51 East 4th Street, Room 101, Winona, MN 55987, or phone (507) 452-4231.

**Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA):** WPA's are located around the state. For more information on public use areas and additional hunting restrictions contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the Northwest at 715-246-7784 or in the Southeast at 608-742-7100 or in the West at (715) 839-3700.

**Note:** Only non-toxic shot may be possessed on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges and on federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas.

#### Special Educational Hunts:

- **Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area:** Deer hunting is offered to youth who complete a "Learn to Hunt Workshop." For applications and information regarding dates and fees, write or call Buckhorn State Park at W8450 Buckhorn Park Avenue, Necedah, WI 54646-7338; Phone (608) 565-2789. *Applications for 2004 are due July 15, 2004.*
- **Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center:** Deer hunting is offered to youth and beginner adults who complete a "Learn to Deer Hunt Workshop." For dates and fees, write or call the Center at Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413; 715-884-2437. *Applications for 2004 are due May 30, 2004.*

#### Special Disabled Hunts:

Disabled Deer Hunts: Dates: Oct. 4 - Oct. 12, 2003. People who wish to sponsor a deer hunt for people with Class A and C disabilities must submit an application to their local wildlife manager by **June 1st**. Interested hunters should contact the nearest DNR Service Center or disabled deer hunt sponsor before **September 1st**.

**What should I do if I observe or harvest a deer that I suspect might have CWD?** Call the local DNR office or the DNR Wildlife Health Team (608-267-6751, 608-221-5375) right away. The DNR will make every effort to collect samples from the possibly infected deer for CWD testing.

If you observe a deer that appears to be sick and the season is open and you have a valid tag for a deer, please shoot and tag the deer. Then contact your local DNR office, wildlife manager or warden to make arrangements to submit the entire deer for testing as soon as possible. You will then be issued a free replacement tag for the tag used on the suspect deer.

#### TV Show for Kids

*Into the Outdoors* is DNR's Emmy Award winning TV show for kids. The half-hour program is hosted by kids who use the Internet to find other kids their age doing outdoor activities and learning about the environment. The show is linked to *EEK!*, DNR's web site for kids, and airs on weekend mornings. See local TV listings for times and stations.



## Questions?

*Call the DNR Service Center nearest you.*

Office hours vary by location. Contact center for hours.

**For updated information about deer season issues call the WI DNR Hunting Season Information Line 1-800-282-0367**

<b>South Central Region</b> (Madison) .....	608-275-3266
Dodgeville .....	608-935-3368
Horicon .....	920-387-7860
Janesville .....	608-743-4800
Poynette .....	608-635-8110
<b>Southeast Region</b> (Milwaukee) .....	414-263-8500
Plymouth .....	920-892-8756
Sturtevant .....	262-884-2300
Waukesha .....	262-574-2100
<b>West Central Region</b> (Eau Claire) .....	715-839-3700
Baldwin .....	715-684-2914
Black River Falls .....	715-284-1400
La Crosse .....	608-785-9000
Wausau .....	715-359-4522
Wisconsin Rapids .....	715-421-7800
<b>Northern Region</b> .....	
Antigo .....	715-627-4317
Ashland .....	715-685-2900
Cumberland .....	715-822-3590
Hayward .....	715-634-2688
Ladysmith .....	715-532-3911
Park Falls .....	715-762-3204
Rhineland .....	715-365-8900
Spooner .....	715-635-2101
Superior .....	715-392-7988
Woodruff .....	715-356-5211
<b>Northeast Region</b> (Green Bay) .....	920-492-5800
Oshkosh .....	920-424-3050
Peshtigo .....	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay .....	920-746-2860
Wautoma .....	920-787-4686

**General mailing address:**  
Department of Natural Resources,  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Phone: 608-266-2621

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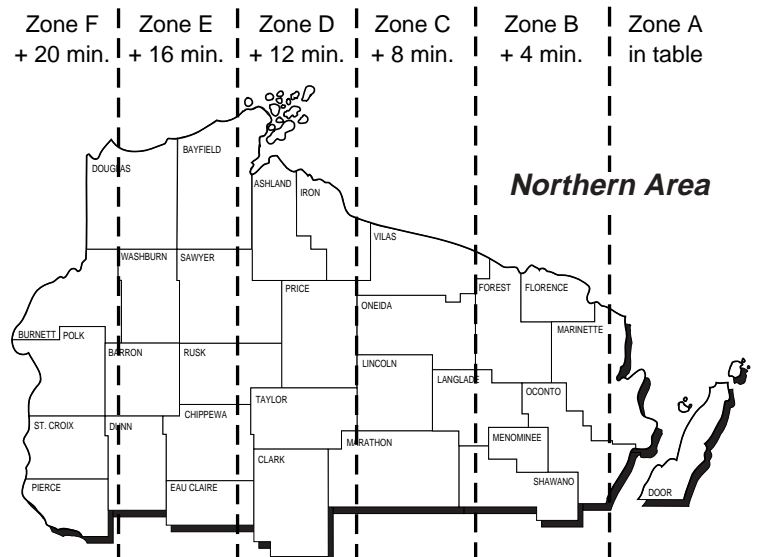
## Northern Area Hunting Hours

### Zone "A": Small Game, Deer and Bear

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24	6:09	7:04	6:48	6:10	6:31	4:32	6:59	4:30	6:51	5:04	6:08	5:49	5:15	6:29	5:18	8:09	4:39	8:45	24
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- Times listed are one-half hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.
- \*\* Firearm hunting prohibited on Nov. 21. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:27 – 4:34 (i.e. waterfowl hunting, licensed bird hunting preserves).
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**Note:** This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or Zone T seasons.
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## Southern Area Hunting Hours

### Zone "A": Small Game, Deer and Bear

	Sept. 2003		Oct. 2003		Nov. 2003		Dec. 2003		Jan. 2004		Feb. 2004		March 2004		April 2004		May 2004		
Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Date
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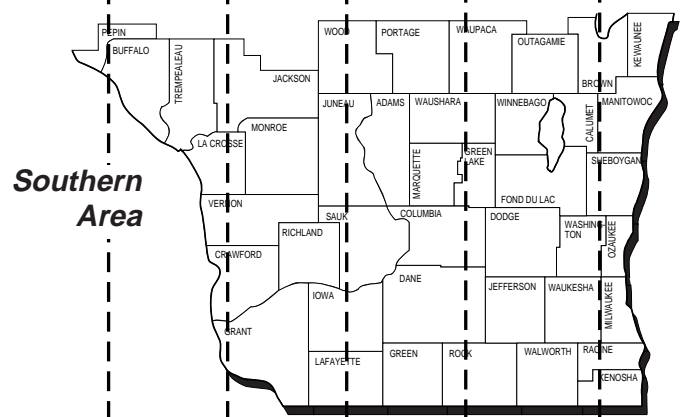
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Zone F | Zone E | Zone D | Zone C | Zone B | Zone A  
+ 20 min. | + 16 min. | + 12 min. | + 8 min. | + 4 min. | in table



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